

REMARKS

Applicants would initially like to thank the Examiner for indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-17, as indicated on page 7 of the Office Action.

The Office Action rejects claims 18-24 and 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over J. V. Evans, "Satellite Systems for Personal Communications," Proceedings of the IEEE, Vol. 86, No. 7, July 1998 ("*Evans*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,239,767 to *Rossi et al.* ("*Rossi*"); claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Evans* in view of *Rossi* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,915,020 to *Tilford et al.* ("*Tilford*"); and claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Evans* in view of *Rossi* and further in view of U.S. Patent App. No. 2003/0133423 by *LaDue* ("*LaDue*").

Claims 2-17 and 29-44 are now in the application. Claims 18-28 have been canceled. Claims 29-44 have been added. Allowance of new claims 29-44 is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-28 have been rejected under a variety of grounds. By the present amendment, claims 18-28 are canceled, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

Claims 29-44 have been added to further define that which Applicants regard as their invention. No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration of new claims 29-44 and allowance of the same is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly.

If a telephone conference would be of value, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

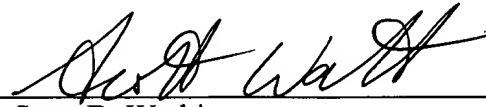
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